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# Notice of Allowability

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Examiner  
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2712



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to the amendments filed on 12/9/98.

☒ The allowed claim(s) ~~is/are~~ 1, 3-8, 10-15 (Claims 1, 3-8 and 10-15 are renumbered as claims 1-13, respectively).

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☒ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance



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TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DISPLAYING IMAGES AND ASSOCIATED MULTIMEDIA TYPES IN THE INTERFACE OF A DIGITAL CAMERA (AS AMENDED)

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
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***Response to Amendment***

1. The amendments, filed on 12/9/98, have been entered and made of record. The declaration, filed on 8/20/98, under 37 CFR 1.131 is sufficient to overcome the Schelling et al. reference. An advisory, mailed on 9/10/98, was issued in error. The examiner apologizes for any inconveniences this may have caused.

***Drawings***

2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: **Figures 1-2** are designated as **Related Art**. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

3. The application having been allowed, formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

***Reasons for Allowance***

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Prior Art neither teaches nor suggests a method and system for displaying images and multimedia type icons in the interface of a digital camera to indicate to the user the media types associated with the captured images, as recited in the independent claims 1, 8 and 15. The imaging system comprises a digital camera that can capture various types of media images, such

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as still, time lapse, burst, panorama, etc.; means for storing each of the captured images and its associated media types; a user interface including a view finder of the digital camera for displaying a plurality of image cells, and each of the image cells corresponding to one of the captured images wherein at least one of the image cells includes an image area and an icon area; and means for displaying graphical icons in the icon area indicating the media types associated with the captured image. The instant invention, in combination with the other claimed features, improves upon the Prior Art by providing a system for indicating to an user what media types associated with images captured by a digital camera.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **N. Vu** whose telephone number is (703) 305-4946. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Wendy Garber**, can be reached on (703) 305-4929.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800/4700.

  
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